



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 237**

January Session, 2011

House Bill No. 5567

*House of Representatives, March 28, 2011*

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. TABORSAK of the 109th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT REQUIRING MINORS TO WEAR HELMETS IN COMMERCIAL BASEBALL BATTING CAGES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1      Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) No person under  
2      eighteen years of age may enter into a commercial baseball batting  
3      cage unless such person is wearing protective headgear of a type  
4      which conforms to the minimum specifications established by  
5      regulations adopted under subsection (b) of this section.

6      (b) Not later than January 1, 2012, the Commissioner of Consumer  
7      Protection shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of  
8      chapter 54 of the general statutes, establishing minimum specifications  
9      for protective headgear for use by persons under eighteen years of age  
10     in commercial baseball batting cages.

11     (c) Failure to comply with this section shall not be a violation or an  
12     offense. Failure to wear protective headgear as required by subsection  
13     (a) of this section shall not be considered to be contributory negligence

- 14 on the part of the parent or guardian of the person under eighteen  
15 years of age nor shall such failure be admissible in any civil action.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
---

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
-----------	---------------------	-------------

**GL**      *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

---

***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Consumer Protection in establishing regulations requiring minors to wear helmets in batting cages as the agency has expertise in the area of product safety.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5567*****AN ACT REQUIRING MINORS TO WEAR HELMETS IN  
COMMERCIAL BASEBALL BATTING CAGES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires any person under age 18 to wear protective headgear before entering a commercial batting cage. The headgear must conform to the minimum specifications established by regulations, that the consumer protection commissioner must adopt by January 1, 2012.

Failing to wear a helmet in a commercial batting cage is not a violation or an offense. Nor is it considered contributory negligence by the parent or guardian of the person under 18, or admissible in any civil action.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/15/2011)